GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
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Hacking of Official Websites
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cyber attacks and hacking of official data/sites reported in the country during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the number of persons arrested and the action taken against such persons;

(c) whether a Pakistan based hacker has defaced the website of the National Security Guard (NSG) with abusive messages recently;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to take effective steps to ensure that cyber networks of various Ministries, Departments and security and intelligence agencies are not hacked by any of the external agencies; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) to (b): As per the information reported to and tracked by Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) a total number of 189, 155, 164 and 199 websites of Central Ministries/Departments and State
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Governments were hacked during the year 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016. Out of 8348 persons arrested under different sections of cyber crime 315 persons have been convicted during year 2014-2015.
(c) to (d): The official website of NSG was partially defaced and abusive message posted on the website by unknown hackers on 01 January 2017. The NSG website which is hosted on NIC server had been blocked immediately.
(e) to (f): Government has taken several policy, legal and technical measures such as audit of the system & networks, increasing awareness in area of cyber security, sharing threat related information with the stakeholders/organizations, issuing advisories on such threats by CERT-IN & National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre(NCIIPC), and Capacity development etc. to address this issue.
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